(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had recommended about 150 drugs to be placed in category I drugs but only 27 of them find place in the list; if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(b) what are the names of the drugs which are required under the National Health Programme and which of them have not been placed in Category I list of drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The drugs required for the National Health Programme were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for inclusion in Category I and included in the First Schedule to the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. The Order was notified on 26th August, 1987 and copies thereof were laid on the Table of the House on 27th August, 1987.

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944 DR H P. SHARMA :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from identifiying the drugs for price control under Category II, Kelkar Committee made other recommendations in the report; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these recommendations and how many of them have been accepted by his Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the recommendations of the Committee are contained in its report, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library

Drugs excluded from Price Control List

945 DR RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the percentage rise in prices of 171 drugs taken out of the list of price controlled drugs since the announcement of the new DPCO;

(b) what are the factors which contributed to the increase in the price of each drugs; and

(c) how far the mark up in post manufacturing expenses allowed under the new DPCO is responsible for the price rise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH) . (a) Government has recived some reports of increase in the price of bulk Vitamins.

(b) Several factors including increase in the cost of raw materials have contributed to this.

(c) No Sir.

Decontrolling the prices of essential drugs

946 DR H P SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for decontrolling the prices of even such drugs as are essential under the National Health Programme; and

(b) how many and which of such drugs have been so decontrolled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The drugs required for the National Health Programme were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for inclusion in Category I and included in the First Schedule to the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 The Order was notified in the Gazette on 26th August, 1987 and copies thereof were laid on the Table of the House on 27th August, 1987.